



Jan 6th 1862

Cambridgeport, Maryland

Camp Harris

Dear friend Wilbur

I received your letter Saturday
last and it was some time
before I hope you will
get this a little quicker than
I did yours, I am well and
I like this country very well
but there was about ^{an} inch and
a half of snow some of the
days are warm and nice,
I got your letter that you
wrote to me when you was
to Burlington but I had not
time to answer it before we
left there, you spoke about
Mr. Harthurs coming up there
to see me it was last week
he got there and I was a
week in the Tent and the

boys pulled me up
and said that my
father was there
and you better believe



I was astonished some but
I got up and he stood up
by the stone he came up to
me and shook hands but
I want you to understand
that he gave me his hand
first but he was pretty clean
and he stayed all Day the
next night he went home
I went down to the gate
with him and passed him
by the guard, and, he said
that he and I had had some
trouble but we would let it
go he said that I might send
home my money or do as I was
a mind to, he gave me a / 50
before he went, I thought

he would come round when
he found that I was sick
but I did not know, I did
suppose he would come up
there to see me, I suppose
that the snow is deep up there
now do you go to school now
and how is Frank Pierce,
and Tom and Charles Smith
and Watterman tell Tom
that I see New York before
he did I had a ride on a
steamboat from New York to
Elizabethport and I see a English
man-of-war and Spanish at New
York they were laying in the
harbor a boat come from
the Spanish ship filled with
Spanish Sailors I see some of
them in port, but I must
~~not~~ stop for it is time
to water the horses direct-

your letter the same
as you did.

From your friend

Henry Kott

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Four page holograph letter from "Henry Holt" to his "Dear friend Wilbur" from Camp Harris near Annapolis, Maryland dated January 6, 1862.

Single sheet decorated with figure of Miss Liberty seated in red and blue; written in pencil recto and verso; near fine.

Personal note dealing in part with the early days of Holt's enlistment. "I got your letter that you wrote to me when we was to Burlington but I had not time to answer it before we left thare [sic], you speak about Farthers [sic] a coming up thare to see me. it was Dark when he got thare and I was asleep in the Tent and the boys waked me up and said that my farther was thare and you better believe I was astonished some but I got up... he come up to me and shook hands but I want you to understand that he gives me his hand first but he was pretty clever and he stayed all Day. the next night he went home I sent down to the gate with him and passed him by the guard, and he said that he and I had had some trouble but we would let it go. he said that I mite [sic] send home my money or do as I was a mind to, he give me a 1.50 before he went, I thought he would come round when he found that I was sick... tell Tom that I see New York before he did. I had a ride on a steamboat from New York to Elizabeth first and I see a English [mariner?] and Spanish at New York. they were laying in the harbor a boat come from the Spanish ship filled with Spanish Sailors... I must stop for it is time to water the horses..." Private Henry Holt served with Company E, First Regiment, Vermont Cavalry. The unit was organized in Burlington and mustered in November 19, 1861. \$85.00

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